

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (currently amended) A planter receptacle adapted to be mounted to a railing, comprising:

a front wall;

a back wall;

first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

a. said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and

b. said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming an enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls; and

~~means for mounting said planter receptacle to at least one baluster of said railing, wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds a portion of said at least one baluster~~

hanging means selected from the group consisting of:

chain;

cable;

rope;

wire;

readily bendable line; and

flexible length.

Claim 2. (currently amended) The planter receptacle of claim 1, further comprising: wherein
~~said mounting means comprises at least one sleeve attached to at least one wall of said planter~~
receptacle a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of

said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 3. (currently amended) The planter receptacle of claim 2, further comprising:

~~a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls~~ means for stabilizing said planter receptacle with respect to said railing, wherein said stabilizing means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster and is attached to at least one wall of said planter receptacle.

Claim 4. (currently amended) The planter receptacle of ~~claim 1~~ claim 3, wherein said ~~mounting~~ stabilizing means comprises:

at least a first interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between said front wall and said back wall, creating

a first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

a second enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said back wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

said first interior wall, said back wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

Claim 5. (original) The planter receptacle of claim 4, wherein said first interior wall is substantially parallel to said back wall.

Claim 6. (original) The planter receptacle of claim 4, further comprising:

a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 7. (withdrawn) The planter receptacle of claim 4, further comprising:

a second interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between said first interior wall and said back wall, dividing said second enclosure, creating

a third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

an enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

Claim 8. (withdrawn) The planter receptacle of claim 7, wherein said second interior wall is substantially parallel to said first interior wall.

Claim 9. (withdrawn) The planter receptacle of claim 7, further comprising:

a first bottom wall, wherein said first bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 10. (withdrawn) The planter receptacle of claim 9, further comprising:

a second bottom wall, wherein said second bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 11. (original) The planter receptacle of claim 1, further comprising connecting means attached to at least one of said walls.

Claim 12. (original) The planter receptacle of claim 11, wherein said connecting means is vertically adjustable.

Claims 13 and 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (currently amended) The planter receptacle of ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein said hanging means is ~~attached~~ attachable to said railing.

Claim 16. (currently amended) The planter receptacle of ~~claim 13~~ claim 1, wherein said hanging means enables said planter receptacle to be positioned at a variable height with respect to said railing.

Claim 17. (currently amended) The combination of a railing and a planter receptacle, said railing comprising a top rail and at least one baluster, said planter receptacle comprising:

a front wall;

a back wall;

first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

a. said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and

- b. said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming an enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls; and

~~means for mounting said planter receptacle to at least one baluster of said railing, wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds a portion of said at least one baluster~~

hanging means selected from the group consisting of:

chain;

cable;

rope;

wire;

readily bendable line; and

flexible length.

Claim 18. (currently amended) The combination of claim 17, further comprising: wherein said mounting means comprises at least one sleeve attached to at least one wall of said planter receptacle a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The combination of claim 18, further comprising:

~~a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls~~ means for stabilizing said planter receptacle with respect to said railing, wherein said

stabilizing means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster and is attached to at least one wall of said planter receptacle.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The combination of claim 17, wherein said ~~mounting~~ stabilizing means comprises:

at least a first interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between said front wall and said back wall, creating

a first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

a second enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said back wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

said first interior wall, said back wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

Claim 21. (original) The combination of claim 20, wherein said first interior wall is substantially parallel to said back wall.

Claim 22. (original) The combination of claim 20, further comprising:

a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 23. (withdrawn) The combination of claim 20, further comprising:

a second interior wall connected to said first and second spaced-apart side walls between said first interior wall and said back wall, dividing said second enclosure, creating

a third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, and

an enclosure formed by said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein

said first interior wall, said second interior wall, and said portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls at least partially surround at least one baluster of said railing when said planter receptacle is mounted to said railing.

Claim 24. (withdrawn) The combination of claim 23, wherein said second interior wall is substantially parallel to said first interior wall.

Claim 25. (withdrawn) The combination of claim 23, further comprising:

a first bottom wall, wherein said first bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said first enclosure formed by said front wall, said first interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 26. (withdrawn) The combination of claim 25, further comprising:

a second bottom wall, wherein said second bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said third enclosure formed by said back wall, said second interior wall, and a portion of said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 27. (original) The combination of claim 17, further comprising connecting means attached to at least one of said walls.

Claim 28. (original) The combination of claim 27, wherein said connecting means is vertically adjustable.

Claims 29 and 30. (canceled).

Claim 31. (currently amended) The combination of ~~claim 29~~ claim 17, wherein said hanging means is connected to said railing.

Claim 32. (original) The combination of claim 31, said railing further comprising a rail cap, wherein said hanging means is connected to said rail cap.

Claim 33. (currently amended) The combination of ~~claim 29~~ claim 31, wherein said hanging means enables said planter receptacle to be positioned at a variable height with respect to said railing.

Claim 34. (withdrawn) A method for mounting a planter receptacle on a railing, said railing comprising a top rail and at least one baluster, said method comprising the steps of:

- 1) providing a planter receptacle comprising:
 - a front wall;
 - a back wall;
 - first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein
 - a. said front wall is connected to said first and second side walls; and
 - b. said back wall is connected to said first and second side walls, forming an enclosure with said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls; and
 - mounting means;
- 2) suspending said planter receptacle from said railing; and
- 3) mounting said planter receptacle to said at least one baluster of said railing, wherein said mounting means at least partially surrounds at least one baluster.

Claim 35. (withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein said step of suspending said planter receptacle from said railing further comprises the steps of:

- 2a) connecting a first end of a hanging means to said top rail; and
- 2b) connecting a second end of said hanging means to said planter receptacle, wherein said hanging means enables said planter receptacle to be positioned at a variable height with respect to said railing.

Claim 36. (withdrawn) The method of claim 36, said planter receptacle further comprising:

connecting means attached to said first and second spaced-apart side walls, wherein said connecting means is vertically adjustable to enable said planter receptacle to be leveled.

Claim 37. (withdrawn) The method of claim 36, wherein said hanging means is selected from the group consisting of:

- chains;
- cable;
- rope;
- wire; and
- readily bendable line.

Claim 38. (withdrawn) The method of claim 35, said planter receptacle further comprising:

a bottom wall, wherein said bottom wall forms at least a portion of the underside of said enclosure formed by said front wall, said back wall, and said first and second spaced-apart side walls.

Claim 39. (withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein said mounting means is not attached to said at least one baluster.